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## EDITORIAL

### *When Astrology Doesn't Work*

One of the commonest types of letters that I receive is that which alleges that such-and-such an aspect hasn't "worked" in the writer's horoscope. Sometimes these cases are interesting and worthy of investigation. This may disclose that some essential consideration has been overlooked.

But in other instances it seems only possible to conclude that, just as some people get hayfever from pollen and others do not, so some respond energetically to a particular class of indices, and others do not. From the standpoint of the neat and tidy mind which desires everything to operate logically, this is unfortunate. But as a matter of fact we have to do with Life, and there is no striking evidence that this, whatever it may be, is vehemently concerned to be logical, neat or tidy. On the contrary, it is elusive and inapprehensible.

Many of those who clamour about "scientific astrology" are, in point of fact, thinking not of modern science, but of the mechanistic notions of two or three generations ago, when Lord Kelvin is reported to have said that he could understand nothing unless he could make a model of it. Such conceptions attract little approval nowadays.

Those who dislike such words as "mystical," "occult" and "esoteric" must indeed face the plain fact that Nature is all these things!

Yet, though Nature may be essentially elusive, it is the task of the scientist to seek to know more and more of her mysteries and achieve a more and more profound understanding.

But I do not think a deeper understanding of astrology will lead to anything akin to Kelvin's "working model."

### *Practical Astrology*

We have recently received a letter from a serving airman who refers to the unfortunate results that follow on ignorance of astrological principles. This goes back to the very beginning of



the war, when our then Prime Minister timed our belligerency to start with ♃ ♄ ♀, ☐ ♂ and PL. We will not spend time discussing this figure now; we have already indicated our opinion that there is something strange about it. Certainly it is by no means the sort of map an astrologer would have chosen; but the presence of two malefics in the 7th tells in our favour.

The ancients wrote very copiously on elections, or the art of choosing good times to begin any special activity. In particular Ramesay, in the middle of the 17th century, expounded this branch of our science at great length, though, with much sense, he often gives brief instructions for those who cannot wait for an ideal time, or "cannot be bothered."

In my own view there are four primary rules for all elections:

- (a) Fortify the Moon and ruler of the ascendant by sign, house and aspect;
- (b) On no account whatever have a malefic on an angle; on the contrary, if possible get a benefic on the 1st or 10th cusp;
- (c) Fortify the house concerned and its rulers, natural and accidental;
- (d) Avoid violent aspects; wherever they fall, they are liable to do harm.

And it must always be remembered that elections are not meant to be substitutes for such ordinary ingredients of success as hard work, common sense and technical knowledge. What they should do is to shield your enterprise against what may be called sheer ill-luck.

We hope to give a good deal of space to this important subject in better times, and we shall always be pleased to hear of interesting examples.

### *Some Technical Terms*

No precise meaning, I believe, has ever been given to such terms as "wide," "close" and "exact" aspects. Our own usage, which may perhaps commend itself for general adoption, is to use the first two terms, respectively, for aspects of which the orbs are more or less than half the maximum orb commonly allowed. This, of course, is rather loose, but it seems precise enough for general purposes. Thus, a square between planets is allowed about 8°, so that we call such an aspect "wide" if it exceeds an orb of about 4° and "close" if it is less than 4°. For a semisquare or sesquiquadrate we should halve these.

Since in all but admittedly rough-and-ready maps we calculate positions to the nearest minute, "exact" can properly only

mean "exact to the minute." But such aspects are rare, so that the word can seldom be used with propriety. When a contact is very close but not exact, the best plan seems to be to state the actual orb in brackets. My own experience is that almost every minute of separation counts, in the sense that a contact with an orb of 1' is noticeably more potent than one with an orb of 4' or 5'.

The ancients use the term "partile" for an aspect exact to the minute both of longitude and latitude; but such phenomena are not often met with and perhaps it is for this reason that the word is almost unknown amongst modern students.

### *A Brief Retrospect (from Mid-February to Mid-May)*

#### *The Second Half of February*

Singapore fell exactly at the time of the lunation, of which I wrote that it portended "a severe ordeal" for us. At the same time we were humiliated by the escape of three German war-ships from Brest, where they had long been "contained." These events were followed by an outburst of anger and despondency very characteristic of the rising malefics. Considerable changes in the Government ensued.\*

The enemy next moved against Bali and Java, where they landed on the 28th. They sustained heavy losses, but the Allied fleet suffered severely as well. Although there were, at this time, strong transital afflictions to the Japanese and to the Mikado's maps, the main factors were still in their favour.

The forecast of trouble between Turkey and Russia was to some extent fulfilled by a bomb-explosion at Ankara, designed no doubt to cause friction between these nations. Curiously enough, a similar incident occurred at Tangier exactly under  $\text{D } \text{♂ } \text{♂ } \text{r.}$  in the map of the Spanish Republic, which we also mentioned.

It is worth recording that January and February 1942 were the coldest for almost fifty years. We cannot, of course, publish weather-predictions because of war-regulations; but we have stressed the prominence of  $\text{h}$  in a sequence of important mundane figures, beginning with the winter ingress.

#### *March*

The first event to follow the lunar total eclipse in  $\text{m}$  on the 3rd of the month was the bombing of the Renault works in

\* If I am correct in suggesting that the Prime Minister was born under Leo, he would, at this period, have been under  $\text{☉ } \text{♂ } \text{h } \text{p.}$ , which is by no means inappropriate. Beyond question his own prestige suffered from the deplorable events in the Far East.

Paris, which is ruled by  $\text{♁}$ . Also  $\text{♂}$ - $\text{♄}$  were almost exactly setting at Paris at the time of the phenomenon.

The next effect, typically Virginian, was the imposition of fresh clothing regulations, whilst meat and bread rations were severely curtailed in Italy and Germany.

A hint of more successful days to come in the Pacific appeared with the sinking, by General MacArthur's small air force, of 40,000 tons of Japanese shipping. This agrees well with M.C.  $\text{♂}$  PL at Tokio. Further, their losses off New Guinea, of which an official summary was first published just after the partial solar eclipse of the 16th, amounted to some twenty-three ships of various categories sunk or severely damaged. This checked their projected attack on Australia. I specified sea-losses for this eclipse, and our own admittedly rose, whilst the Allied navies took heavy toll of German, Japanese, and Italian vessels. But generally speaking March did not produce outstanding events. Heavy fighting continued in Russia, but the German line, though bent and twisted, did not collapse.

In the Far East Rangoon fell and the Andamans were occupied by the enemy on the 23rd.

### April

On the 3rd  $\text{♂}$   $\text{♄}$   $\text{♂}$  fell in  $\text{♈}$   $16^{\circ} 22'$ , afflicting our King's  $\text{♄}$ ,  $\text{♄}$  in the natus of Hirohito, and  $\text{♂}$  in that of Victor Emmanuel. At the same time  $\text{♄}$  was  $\square$   $\text{♂}$  in Hirohito's map, but unfortunately for us these planets are now beneficially conjoined in his case (by  $\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  measure). We lost two heavy cruisers, the Italians another, and the first Japanese assault on Ceylon, by 75 aircraft, was repulsed with a loss of 57 destroyed or damaged. Malta also maintained an heroic resistance, costly to the assailants; but in the Bataan Peninsula the gallant American defenders were finally obliged to lay down their arms.

Whilst the soldiers were doing their utmost on fields of battle and in the air and on the sea, Sir Stafford Cripps's proposals were rejected by the Indian parties. Obviously the approach of  $\text{♂}$  to  $\text{♄}$   $\text{♄}$  in the heavens (even though under the trine of  $\text{♄}$ ) was unfavourable for any lasting and harmonious settlement of such an intricate problem. Countries ruled by  $\text{♄}$  cannot easily attain ordered liberty—witness for instance Mexico—but much might have been done, had our rulers tried to conform with astrological laws and introduced appropriate proposals *at the right time*. Until these laws are recognised and considered, many unnecessary difficulties will be encountered. It is easy to sneer at Hitler's reliance on astrologers—to say nothing of the

Japanese. It is not so easy to sneer when one has regard to their achievements.

We said the April lunation was to some extent favourable to Berlin and actually this period saw the establishment of Laval as virtual Gauleiter of France. This man is stated to have been born at 10 a.m., June 28, 1883,  $45^{\circ} 45' \text{ N.}$ ,  $3^{\circ} \text{ E.}$  His progressed  $\odot$  is going to square  $\text{h}_2$ , and it would seem that his downfall is certain. With four planets in  $\text{II}$  he is likely to feel the effects of the adverse transits very soon, as  $\text{h}_2$   $\text{H}$  come into that sign.

Meanwhile Pétain is under  $\odot \Delta 2\downarrow$  r. in  $\text{X}$ , and on June 8th  $\psi$  is stationary in opposition ( $1^{\circ}$  orb) to his radical ruler. All this suggests his death or his supersession, actual if not formal.

We commented last time on the possibility that France may be particularly affected by the conjunction  $\text{h}_2$ - $\text{H}$  on May 3rd. It is likely that  $\text{v}$  has much to do with France, over and above its ascension in the map of the Third Republic. The logical brains of the French, combined with their capricious and self-interested tendencies, suggest this sign.

I do not wish to be misunderstood as implying that persons with  $\text{v}$  rising are selfish; they are often the reverse. But they are introspective and, as it were, absorbed in their own natures.

As  $\text{J}$  in  $\text{II}$  squared the Japanese  $\text{J}$ , the first bombs fell on Japanese soil (April 18th).

In speaking of the spring ingress we remarked that astrologers would be able to catch its main implications for themselves. Thus the Sun rising in Aries, trine Pluto, was a sure sign of a more aggressive policy, in place of the detestable passivity that we had had to exhibit for so many months. Further, the lord of the ascendant ( $\text{J}$  in  $\text{II}$ ) indicated fierce air-war. It is noteworthy that at Washington the lord of the 1st is  $2\downarrow$ , also in  $\text{II}$ . The note of "attack" began to be sounded in our Press almost as soon as the ingress occurred.

The latter half of April was comparatively uneventful, the principal fighting being in Burma, where the Japanese made serious progress.

May came in with the conjunction of Saturn and Uranus which, as we pointed out, fell on the Japanese Neptune. Note during this month, the transits of  $\psi$  to their  $\text{J}$  and of  $\text{h}_2$  and  $\text{H}$  to their  $\text{J}$ , ruling the 9th (navy). On the 4th the successful Battle of the Coral Sea began.

We landed in Madagascar on the 5th, but in the meantime Mandalay had fallen. Nevertheless our forecast respecting the spring ingress figure at Tokio has begun, at the time of writing, to take shape. I would add that in this map a fixed sign rose

at Tokio, so that, by the old rule this unfortunate chart will prevail at Tokio throughout the year.

The next important feature in May is the entry of ♄ and ♀ into ♐, after their long stay in ♍. This will affect many prominent maps. Indeed, there are few such that do not contain important elements in ♐-♑; for example, the nativities of our King, Churchill, Eden, Roosevelt, Stalin, Chiang Kai-Shek, Leopold III, Haakon, Christian, Beneš, Hitler, Mussolini, Pétain, Laval, Boris, and Hirohito. How the coming transits will operate in each case will, of course, depend upon the peculiar conditions of each map. For instance, in Churchill's natus ☉, in ♑, is well configured with both transiting planets.

Many of us have foretold troubles for the U.S.A. under this transit, but it must be remembered that when on previous occasions ♀ passed through ♐, the results, though uncomfortable, were by no means disastrous.

As for the general effect upon humanity of the entry of ♀ into ♐, readers can see for themselves that this points to great scientific advances, productive of profound changes in thought. That these will have great practical effect appears from the fact that Uranus will be with Saturn at the time of his ingress, and that both Lights will then be in Taurus.

The laying up of millions of cars here and in the States agrees well with ♄ in ♐ (and in this connection we must refer to the Prime Minister's warning to Germany regarding the use of poison gas. Malefics in ♐ have an obvious reference here.

### *Prospect (to the middle of August)*

The May lunation is, as we have said, definitely good for Great Britain, but it is true that ♄, though rising, is weak by sign and aspect.

At Moscow the M.C. is opposed to ♄, which is likely to cause anxiety. Ankara has ♄ exactly rising and at Tokio the same planet is near the M.C.; it is square ♀ and both countries are likely to be faced with military difficulties.

June brings ♄ into ♋, which is altogether a good token and one associated, by the by, with the ending of the First German War. It should denote some alleviation of the food-shortage which prevails throughout Europe; one cannot think that tighter belts go with ♄ ♋! In particular, China and Holland should benefit and ♋ is also a sign prominent in the U.S.A. map. I must, however, repeat my warning against expecting immediate obvious results.

The lunation of the 13th falls on Hitler's ☉ p. ♄ ♄ p. and may endanger his life. Certainly there will be very heavy fighting

at this time. We too have  $\odot$  par.  $\text{♂}$  r. (1801); and in this connection note that these bodies are in trine in the radix.

In itself the map is not particularly interesting and it is likely to be overshadowed by the approaching Ingress. However, M.C.  $\text{♂}$   $\Psi$  at Tokio indicates naval losses, especially as  $\Psi$  is now rather heavily afflicted.

The Summer Ingress may be viewed with pleasure. For at London  $\text{♀}$  rises in  $8$ ,  $\Delta$   $\Psi$ ; and though it is  $12^\circ$  from the ascendant, its presence in the 1st house should be definitely favourable.

On the other hand, at Berlin,  $\text{♂}$   $\text{♁}$  rise, and  $\text{♂}$  and PL are on the nadir. True, these two pairs are in sextile, and both receive favourable contacts from  $\text{♃}$   $\simeq$ , but the rising planets and those on the cusp of the 4th are, of course, in mundane square. Unrest and expensive defeats for Germany seem indicated, though one cannot equate this figure with that for the autumn ingress of 1918, which so plainly showed Germany's downfall.

At Washington the M.C. is square  $\text{♂}$ -PL, but happily the ascendant is par. dec.  $24$ .

At Rome  $\text{♀}$  is even nearer the ascendant than at London.

For Japan the map seems to have no special significance. At Moscow  $\text{♃}$  rules the ascendant and is brilliantly aspected. At Chungking  $\odot$  rules the ascendant and is  $\text{♂}$   $24$ : thus both Russia and China should benefit, whilst the  $\text{♃}$  strong in  $\simeq$  should help Burma.

In *July* we have a good lunation, falling exactly on the mid-heaven at London, though without important contacts. Both at London and Berlin  $\text{♀}$  rules the figure, and she is in sextile to  $\text{♂}$ , lord of the 7th. At Moscow this is reversed,  $\text{♂}$  ruling the figure and being in good aspect to  $\text{♀}$ , ruling the 7th. Thus, some kind of negotiations may be in progress, openly or in secret.

However, PL culminates at Berlin, which seems to denote further aggressive acts, and  $\text{♂}$  rises at Washington. At Tokio the angles are ruled by an almost unaspected  $24$ .

About this time Mussolini should feel the transit of  $\text{♂}$  over its radical place, especially as, by radix, it is  $\text{♂}$   $\odot$ . It passes on to his  $\text{♃}$  and  $\text{♂}$ .

*August* brings a partial solar eclipse on the 12th of the month, but it is visible only in the Antarctic and even there has a very slight degree of obscuration.

The figure is good at London, in so far as  $\text{♀}$  is only just above the horizon in  $\ast$  to  $\Psi$  at the nadir.  $\text{♂}$  is now, by transit, near  $\text{♂}$  the M.C. and  $\odot$  p. in the chart of the German Republic.

At Berlin and Moscow ☉ rules the figure and is without important contacts, though at Moscow ♂ is △ the M.C.

♂ rules the figure at Tokio and is severely afflicted, and at Chungking ♀ culminates, which is most hopeful. The Mikado has ♀ ☐ ☉ o.d. this month.

It is to be noted that Hitler's ♄ ☐ ♂ r. now draws near exactitude. It seems impossible that he should gain any substantial major successes under such a configuration. Indeed, Britain (♂) and Russia (♄) should now have him in their grip.

Thus, generally, the quarter under review is clearly favourable to us.

The outlook grows brighter.

CHARLES E. O. CARTER

*Final Recension.*—May 16th.

## “Q”

### A QUIVERFUL OF QUIDDITIES

By GEORGE H. BAILEY

#### *The Log-Book*

One of the phenomena of life which seems to have been observed by most of us who have passed the first three or four of the seven ages is the increasing rapidity at which times flies as one gets older. Hours, days and weeks appear to get shorter and shorter, and there seems to be less and less time available for the pursuit of one's various interests. This effect is probably purely psychological, and may be due to a progressive deterioration in one's awareness of the passage of time, in which case it would not be surprising to find the rate at which directions are formed in the progressed horoscope to be subject to an ever-increasing acceleration, for despite the possibility that the constant speed of rotation or the mean orbital motion of the earth may bring along events in the physical world at a relatively even rate, the apprehension of those events, or the changes in one's consciousness induced by them, may be subject to the apparent compression in the time-scale already mentioned, so that another method of timing should be sought for.

What may be a clue is contained in a book by Sir James Jeans—*Astronomy and Cosmogony*. In speaking of the brightness of the stars, he says, "According to the well-known physiological law of Fechner, the effect which any cause produces on our

senses is proportional to the logarithm of the cause. If we can just, and only just, appreciate the difference between 10 and 11, we shall not notice any difference at all between 20 and 21, but shall just be able to detect the difference between 20 and 22, or between 5 and 5½. Our senses do not supply us with a direct estimate of the intensity of the phenomenon which is affecting them, but of its logarithm. It is then not surprising to find that what Ptolemy regarded as equal differences of brightness were actually equal differences in the logarithms of the amounts of light received."

It seems, therefore, that we should not only turn to logarithms when calculating directions, but also when we wish to measure the effects of those directions on our senses. Whether a logarithmic scale will solve the riddle of the apparent acceleration in the passage of time remains to be settled by experimentation, and as a step in that direction I submit the following table. It is based on the lunar cycle of 27·32 day-years, and gives the logarithmic progression in time for the full circle of 360°.

Deg.	Yrs.	Mths.	Deg.	Yrs.	Mths.	Deg.	Yrs.	Mths.	Deg.	Yrs.	Mths.
1	1	1	11	11	2	45	17	8	165	23	8
2	3	3	12	11	7	50	18	2	180	24	1
3	5	1	13	11	11	60	19	0	210	24	10
4	6	5	14	12	3	70	19	9	225	25	2
5	7	6	15	12	7	80	20	4	240	25	5
6	8	4	20	13	11	90	20	10	270	26	0
7	9	1	25	14	11	105	21	7	300	26	5
8	9	8	30	15	9	120	22	3	315	26	8
9	10	2	35	16	6	135	22	10	330	26	11
10	10	8	40	17	1	150	23	3	360	27	4

Although this table has been founded on the time taken by the Moon to circle the zodiac, it does not follow that the rate of progression should be applied to that body only, for although Luna might well symbolise the link between consciousness and the physical world, the planets are also involved in the apprehension of material events, and for the purpose of experiment could be directed at the rate tabulated.

It will be seen that the first quadrant of the circle is covered in 17 years 8 months if converse progression is used as well as direct, and that as time goes on directions are much more rapidly formed, so rapidly in fact that their effects are not likely to be felt very much, thus repeating in the realm of sense-perception the decreased logarithmic effect listed in the parallel field of time.

One or two examples of directing on these lines from the



specimen horoscope may suffice for a preliminary test. The distance from the ascendant to the Moon is about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  degrees, or 4 years in time. My diaries do not go back to so early an age, but adding the 4 years to the first cycle of 27 years 4 months localises a period of much public activity, following on a change of residence, and subtracting the 4 years (reversing the table, or going back in time) gives the date of my wedding, which also coincided with a move to the north of England on business. Sun conjunction Mercury measures to April 1936, when I first took up chess and which marked the beginning of a spell of literary effort, while the same direction in regressive time took effect in April 1912, when my apprenticeship indenture was signed. Sun conjunction Saturn and Uranus occurred in the last quarter of 1936, a period of ill-health during which I had several teeth extracted on different occasions, and Moon conjunction Jupiter coincided with much anxiety concerning my sister (Jupiter afflicted in the 3rd). Venus opposition ascendant fell amongst a number of events including acute pains in the neck, worries in regard to my wife, and the present of a wireless receiver, the converse direction (in time) coinciding with a period of acute calf-love in 1912.

These directions may all be "coincidences," of course—but that is just what the sceptics say about astrology! It is possible, however, that more potent logarithmic tables can be prepared, based on other cycles, and perhaps some of my readers may care to experiment further on these lines.

### *The Course of One Revolving Moon*

The lunar cycle of the foregoing logarithmic table is based on the *mean* length of time taken by the Moon to traverse the full circle of the signs. The actual period is sometimes more than the mean, and sometimes less, so that where extreme accuracy of working is required in respect of any particular horoscope, the exact time taken for the circuit should be calculated from the positions given in the ephemeris concerned, due allowance being made for the variable speed of the Moon on the lines indicated in my article on that subject in the June number of the Quarterly, 1932.

The nodical cycle also varies in length around its mean value of 27·21 day-years, which, due to the retrogradation of the lunar nodes, is shorter than the zodiacal cycle. This variation should be borne in mind by those who wish to direct these points, for the positions of the north node given in the ephemerides are not always correct, the mean longitudes only being tabulated. If, for example, the nodes were inserted in the speci-

men horoscope in accordance with the mean positions given in the ephemeris for 1896, Caput would appear in 17  $\approx$  38 instead of 15  $\approx$  47, the latter having been obtained by calculation from the column containing the Moon's latitude.

Although present-day ephemerides give the times when Luna crosses the equator, they do not state when she crosses the ecliptic. This is an unfortunate omission, for to find the exact time she is in her nodes one only has her noon latitudes to work from, which, because of her variable rate of motion, are hardly accurate enough. Still, it is possible to arrive at fairly close approximations of the nodical positions, which often diverge from the mean as much as the example quoted above, and at other times remain almost stationary for two complete cycles, as may be seen from the list given below, which has been compiled from current ephemerides.

Actual Node	Mean N. Node	Date	Actual Node	Mean N. Node	Date
13 $\Pi$ 22	12 $\Pi$ 09	30.03.42	4 $\Pi$ 41	6 $\Pi$ 24	17.07.42
13 $\chi$ 02	11 29	12.04.42	4 $\chi$ 24	5 44	29.07.42
11 $\Pi$ 59	10 43	26.04.42	4 $\Pi$ 14	4 58	13.08.42
11 $\chi$ 10	10 03	9.05.42	4 $\chi$ 14	4 17	26.08.42
9 $\Pi$ 28	9 16	24.05.42	4 $\Pi$ 14	3 37	9.09.42
8 $\chi$ 14	8 38	5.06.42	4 $\chi$ 12	2 49	22.09.42
6 $\Pi$ 40	7 50	20.06.42	3 $\Pi$ 44	2 05	6.10.42
5 $\chi$ 42	7 $\Pi$ 11	2.07.42	3 $\chi$ 02	1 $\Pi$ 23	19.10.42

I cannot guarantee the calculated positions to be correct to the nearest minute, but they are near enough to show the extent of the discrepancies between the actual and the mean longitudes.

It is my opinion that the lunar zodiac should begin at the north node, just as the solar zodiac commences at the point on the equator at which the Sun turns northward in its path along the ecliptic. That circle of solar life would thus be common to the two zodiacs, the other two intersecting circles being that in the plane of the earth's rotation and that of the Moon's path round the earth. The division of the lunar zodiac into 27 or 28 mansions mentioned by Mr. Ruperti in the last Quarterly would then start at the north node, giving an entirely new and distinctive set of critical degrees to every horoscope, a set, moreover, which should change in accordance with the movement of the nodes in the progressed figure.

If these degrees really possess the potency postulated in Mr Ruperti's letter, the periods in one's life when they are brought into prominence by the passage of the progressed Sun, Moon or planets over them should be carefully noted, and it would be interesting to hear if any readers have had experiences of the kind suggested by Mr. Ruperti. There is certainly a strong

analogy between the Moon crossing its nodes and the Sun entering Aries and Libra, and maps cast for such times might be found particularly useful in the domains of National Astrology and Astro-meteorology. It is to be hoped that compilers of future ephemerides will come to our assistance in this respect by giving the exact times when the Moon not only is in her nodes but also when she is in her maximum latitudes, for although some importance has been assigned to Caput and Cauda in the past, without correct data concerning these points little can be done towards the investigation of their true significance.

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## MEDICAL ASTROLOGY

By H. B. PILKINGTON

By many people constipation is looked upon as quite a minor ill in the human economy, but if this tendency is allowed to become a habit, or chronic, its effects can be very serious.

There is no great difference in the sexes from the standpoint of anatomy in this respect, but it is a fact that by far the greater number of sufferers from this trouble belong to the gentler sex.

In the main it is planetary distribution in the negative signs which provides us with our astrological factors, and Saturn, as might be expected, is commonly involved, either actually, or by sign placings.

Planets afflicted in Virgo are very disposing so far as the upper bowel is concerned, whilst Scorpio is sensitive with regard to the lower portion of the tract.

In seeking prescription data from the horoscope, many planets in Virgo or Scorpio should not be allowed to draw our attention away from other sign indicants, if the latter include very negative planets.

Mr. Carter's dictum that "the cell-salt of the sign containing the most negative of the planetary factors may be required" is, time and time again, proved by experience.

Where it is known that planets in Virgo are the indicant small doses of the homoeopathic *nux vomica* will prove very helpful. This would be additionally indicated if the native was disposed to be chilly, easily excited, irritable, and one who followed a sedentary occupation.

If the affliction involved influences coming from Sagittarius, irritable tendencies would also be present, but whereas the Virgo effect would be to combine irritability with a measure of

self-confidence, and capacity for detail, Sagittarius would be by no means so self-certain.

Head perspiration and sweat during sleep would also testify to the suitability of silica.

Although Pisces trines Scorpio, it opposes Virgo, so can be the "touchy" sign in a case of constipation.

Sensations of warmth in the lower bowel with ascarides and cracking in the joints, would point to Pisces placings, calling for *ferrum phos.*

Planets afflicted in Taurus can affect the lower bowel by reflex, and large quantities of the Taurus salt, *natrum sulph.*, have been popular. The habit-forming propensity here is something to be guarded against. If by virtue of Taurus placings it is judged that the native is disposed to dwell upon old injuries and insults, the homoeopathic *staphysagria* in minute doses can be very useful.

On the other hand, when the mind is much disposed to dwell on some problem connected with the future, to be in fear of breaking a limb, or there are a few warts somewhere about the body, the pointer would be to *thuja*.

Gemini is a sign that can contain afflictions to Virgo, and when this is so headaches are common. A light-coloured stool would show the need for *kali mur.*, and dry hard one for *bryonia*.

Afflictions coming from Aquarius to Scorpio can bring much aggravation at M.P. time, and quite often, where this patterning prevails, there may be a disposition towards an alternate day cycle. Again there is some irritability, but here the native will try to avoid making a fuss. *Natrum mur.* under these conditions does much good.

*Arsenicum* is another Aquarian remedy, and would be additionally called for where burning, stitching pains relieved by heat, prevailed. Scorpio itself, as the sensitive spot in this trouble, can give curious alternations and difficulties with even a soft stool.

*Pulsatilla* comes in well here and particularly so where the native takes a great interest in the domestic situation; also if fats and fat foods easily disagree, this is another confirmation.

Quite a number of people become constipated on removing from an inland area to a place near the sea, for such *magnesia mur.* acts splendidly.

Where restless sleeping is a feature, as it can be with the Moon afflicted, and this trouble comes also, *sulphur* comes in well. It is additionally indicated where the bed-coverings are thrown off and the orifices are very red.

Afflictions between the Moon and Jupiter seem to go with

marked sensitivity to aluminium, and where aluminium cooking utensils are much used and constipation prevails their disuse for a while could easily prove a valuable experiment under these planetary conditions.

The Moon is important for right side of the body conditions, in a female natus, and if right-sided pains exist, along with a taste for sweet things, hot drinks, and tiredness between 4 and 8 p.m., *lycopodium* is a suitable remedy.

When Capricorn comes into the picture it will often go with coldness of particular parts of the body—feet and knees, for example—when *calc. phos.* helps.

With much despondency *carbo veg.*

Along with constipation you sometimes get a slight puffy dropsy-like appearance, which is shown in the horoscope by afflictions in both earth and water signs. This may need a bit of sorting out. One sure pointer is for *aphis* where Venus is involved, and the native feels hot weather much and drinks very little.

Every action inevitably produces its appropriate reaction, and quite often a remedy called for in diarrhoea will do well in constipation if the potency is selected with care. With a chart showing much accentuation of the mutable cross you can come upon a native with a tall body, refined appearance, thin hair, very mental and sociable in outlook. Ice and ice-cream is asked for frequently, and such benefit greatly from an occasional course of *phosphorus*.

Diet is, of course, a valuable helpmeet in correcting the trouble we review here; a liberal amount of fruits and vegetables is called for, and plenty of drinking water. Ordinary washed bran, or the breakfast food products, are of great assistance. Two dessertspoonfuls of ordinary bran ended the most stubborn case of constipation known to me, and made the diabetic condition much less activated.

Foods containing Vit. B and yeast products are good.

The influence of mind over body here is great, and to have a set time and stick to it in this connection is well worth while

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## THE PLANET SATURN

By CHARLES E. CARTER

*(Continued)*

Saturn is called the planet of Fate, and we have come to use this word in a rather bad sense; if a man tells me something was "fated" I expect to hear that he is referring to an unpleasant rather than to a pleasant event. But there is no necessary implication of this kind in the word—"fate" is that which is "spoken" or "decreed." If two things are brought into close contact with each other, it necessarily follows that each must affect the other, and the more potent must exercise a certain dominant influence on the less; at the same time, the stronger may feel inhibited by being associated with something inferior to itself. Thus, if the soul takes unto itself a body a connection between the two arises which you may term "fatal," because, so long as the connection lasts, each will affect the other. But there is nothing evil in this; in fact, in any ordered scheme it must be that such relationships will arise; they are in the nature of things. Yet, if we have an afflictive Saturn, they are apt to prove irksome, as long as we fret and quarrel with them.

However, we must remember always that Saturn afflictions, like all others, fall into two classes—those that come from without and those that come from within. The former are sometimes unavoidable: for example, if the Chancellor of the Exchequer raises the income-tax, most of us cannot do much about it. Or if we are in employment, or in the army or navy, and a martinet is placed over us, we must sometimes grin and bear this evidence of Saturn's activities. But the interior attack of Saturn we can, at any rate to some extent, control. Yet many fail to do so; we often behold the melancholy sight of an individual refusing to make any effort to assist himself out of difficulties because, he says, he has Saturn square this, that, or the other, and he does not see that, in saying this and taking this supine view, he is really making himself the tool of the very planet he is maligning. Or shall we rather say he is making himself into a channel—a very crooked channel—for its influence?

It is not to be gainsaid that the path of this planet is not a joyous one, but it is eminently useful; and in any case we are none of us all Saturn: we can look to the other planets for our happiness. Renunciation is not easy, but few people are called upon to renounce so much that they have not always left to them an abundance of sources of interest and enjoyment, if

they will but find them and cultivate them. Perhaps you will say I am moralising very tediously—well, I am talking of the moral planet, so you must bear with me!

As the planet of order Saturn has a great deal to do with our health, both mental and physical—in fact, we actually call a disease a “disorder” and talk of a disordered mind, imagination or will. Where Saturn is strong the bodily machinery is likely to function well and carry out efficiently the wishes of the ego that uses it; there may be accidents, due to Mars or Uranus, let us say, but the body, as a machine, works well, and is “in good order.” Thus we find that a good aspect of Saturn to the Lights is excellent for longevity; in such cases, other things being equal, the body, like a well-made and well-kept car, will run on and on and hardly seem to show wear at all, and when death comes it comes gently and naturally.

On the other hand every affliction to Saturn has a detrimental effect on health, and special care will be needed to counteract it.

If the Sun is afflicted by Saturn the general vitality usually suffers and there is a liability to rheumatic ailments and stiffness; catarrhal conditions are common and slowly poison the blood-stream; the heart may not be very robust. Heavy responsibilities, beyond the ordinary share, fall on the native both in business, and still more, in family affairs; the fortunes of the father are often not bright.

Saturn and the Moon in bad aspect tend to make the nature materialistic and ambitious in a worldly way; the family affairs again are sometimes troublesome, but not so much as when the Sun is the afflicted luminary. Health may be poor, and often there is a good deal of general inefficiency, forgetfulness, lack of method, and so forth. It is a position not incompatible with much kindness of heart, but the native rarely has many close friends, and in extreme cases these people are bags of misery, depressing others by their mere presence. The assimilative power is usually weak; they are often of small stature and pale.

If Mars or Jupiter is strong, much of the evil of these positions may be counteracted.

In women an affliction between the Sun and Saturn inclines to an unmarried condition, or if there is marriage, it is rarely happy; and with both sexes this class of contact tends to deny or injure the children, and brings serious expense and responsibilities through them.

As we have seen, Saturn has affinity with Mercury, but an affliction between them depresses the mind and narrows it;

there is a propensity to be timid and suspicious and even cruel; it is a contact common in the maps of those whom history has dubbed as tyrants. As regards health, there is often lung-trouble of some kind, due to chill.

Saturn with Venus does not greatly affect the health, but there is no need to stress the sadness which accompanies an affliction between these bodies. Often it is an unreasoning sadness, an abnormal tendency to be depressed or to worry; the native is unsocial and shirks contacts with his fellows, especially on cheerful occasions; if he meets his friends at all, it will be in the home and one or two at a time, not festively. It is probable that he, or she, will like few and be liked by few. Sometimes poverty enters the life, and unless there are strong contrary aspects, there may be a penurious and mean outlook. Sometimes there is considerable selfishness, and the native is one of those who is always on the watch lest he or she be asked to do an ounce more work than is considered fair. Venus and Saturn are the planets of justice, so that it is perfectly natural that their afflictive action should give this abnormal sense of fairness. One does not admire the person who is always being "put upon" and never protests, but the other extreme is much worse.

I should not be inclined to quarrel with anyone who told me that Saturn square Venus is the saddest aspect there is.

Saturn in affliction with Mars is a position of *strain*. One can examine this from several points of view. To begin with, Saturn, as we know, is a rigid planet; order is a rigid thing, and so too is limitation; hence, when the stress of Martian action impinges on it, it will not yield, and a break is likely. Mars is for ever trying to get beyond limitation; it dislikes thinking there is anything it cannot do, and so it is apt to come into violent conflict with the boundaries set by Saturn, with the result that "something gives way." Thus we get, from these afflictions, any number of cases of bodily collapse due to over-work or over-strain. Ruptures, strained hearts, internal strains, nervous collapse—all these things are very typical.

Psychologically these positions are usually said to cause brutal and cruel characteristics, but I have not found this to be the case at all. It is, however, plain that when the normal self-restraint of Saturn is injured by the impulse of Mars, one will get an impulsive nature, with little self-control—a person apt to think too late. Thus, if the nature is brutal, then such an aspect as this will not restrain it, but will tend to give it free rein. It is really an aspect of *excess*, and I have known kind people who have it and who are in consequence too kind,



and apt to spoil others. Generous people with this contact become extravagant in their generosity.

In the same way it is not a vicious contact, but if the native is vicious it may cause him to be very thorough in his evil ways.

Saturn in relation with Jupiter seems to give ambition and considerable patience and perseverance in carrying out one's projects; in this respect it is very different from the Mars-Saturn combination, which wants quick results. One finds that persons with this aspect strong often attempt feats of great difficulty and hardship, but they plan carefully beforehand. The effects on the health are often long delayed, but, if Sun, Moon, or ascendant is involved, the results may be serious in later years.

Saturn and Uranus contacts are of great importance, and generally act deep down in the character. If they are harmonious there is usually much will-power, resolution, and ability to organise, but the malefic aspects are not so good; they tend to self-will and even a violent element, and this may result in great nervous tension. They are not unlike the Mars-Saturn contacts, for they commonly lead to strain and some form of rupture or breakdown, according to the signs affected; they produce serious conditions, even though these may not arise until late in life. When they do arise, they appear suddenly, and are never to be lightly disregarded. Astrology can give us a timely warning here, as in many other things.

Saturn with Neptune is a difficult and intricate combination. Each planet can, in a certain sense, be subtle, and we get very deep natures under this contact, persistent workers towards chosen objects, and people that may be called schemers, though by no means necessarily in any evil sense; they may scheme persistently for very noble ends, but thinking and planning they always are; I do not know that these aspects affect the health in any specific way, though they will obviously work in terms of the signs and houses occupied, and I should imagine that the good ones are very preservative, the softness and looseness of texture that we associate with Neptune being hardened by the Saturnian action.

Of Saturn and Pluto we cannot speak with any certainty at this stage, but there must be a good many people about who had these two in conjunction in Taurus at birth in the early 80's.

Generally Saturn gives persistence, depth and rigidity to all that it contacts, but the persistence may show as stubbornness, the depth as dullness and inertia, and the rigidity as narrowness and limitation.

Further, it tends to make practical whatever it touches. But

it is not *too* practical, as Mars sometimes is; a developed Saturnian likes to reason things out and use the mind first and the hands afterwards, whilst Mars is often inclined to rush into the fray without adequate preparation; Saturn, too, has its mystical aspect, and perhaps we see this best when it is conjoined with Neptune; that probably denotes, in astrological script, the practical mystic and philosopher, those of the race of Marcus Aurelius, Julian, and Ignatius Loyola. For the true philosopher is the most effective of men when he is called upon to play a practical part, and it is a vulgar error to suppose that mystics are mere dreamers; both Socrates and Joan of Arc heard voices, but they were none the less efficient on the battlefield. In worldly matters, too, the mystic, if he is called upon to act in that field, will understand the principle of "wise stewardship," which is very distinctly Saturnian.

Indeed, I am not sure that "wise stewardship" is not the highest ideal of this great orb. Are we not taught to pray "Thy Kingdom come *on earth*," indicating that earth is not something to run away from, but something to be regenerated and uplifted, and will not Saturn necessarily play a great part in that great work?

We see, in fact, that those who try to discard the Saturn virtues altogether are much in error and are seeking to improve God's Universe by cutting one of His planets out of the solar system—a rather bold thing to attempt! Yet we sometimes hear this sort of talk even from astrologers. One friend wrote to me from Australia, saying that he believed we were now in a new dispensation, a Neptunian era, when Saturn really did not matter, and all one needs is faith—health, wealth, and happiness would follow. But, in my view, the newly found planets supplement the old ones and do not oust them. Certainly the majority of mankind is very far from having realised the virtues of these mighty Principles that have been known to us from the infancy of our race.

Besides those who seek to ignore him, there are those who misinterpret Saturn. These are the misers, the stagnant, the fearful, and the earth-bound: those who misunderstand his lesson and think that he requires us to save every farthing we can scrape together and who prefer dead symbols of wealth to the realities of spiritual strength, life, and health.

In my paper on "Astrology and Religion" I have pointed out that Leo and the Sun are the most prominent influences in the religious map, and Saturn is a planet of morality rather than religion. Indeed, he can produce the "scribes and pharisees," of whom the greatest of religious teachers never

spoke without opprobrium—people to whom rites and forms are everything, and the spirit of religion is unknown.

I suppose one can say that generally speaking the great religious leaders of mankind had little Saturn and their followers had too much. Few of them seem to have thought of founding churches, societies, or orders—one must except the Buddha, who founded the Sangha—and many of them uttered sentiments and even cultivated habits that would be far from pleasing to most Saturnians. Usually it has been their followers who, coming afterwards, only partially grasped the spirit of their teachings, and set up rigid codes of conduct, elaborate rites and ceremonies, and highly organised churches, which in the end produced something remarkably unlike anything that their masters could have had in mind.

Yet the very fact that this so often happens seems to show that ordinary mankind needs some organisation, by belonging to which he can acquire a feeling of spiritual support; we cannot all be spiritual individualists and dispense entirely with the help that companionship gives. "Take your refuge in the Truth; trust in no external refuge," said the Buddha, but he very wisely added "A man that stands alone, having resolved to conform with Truth, may be weak and slip back; wherefore stand ye together, assist one another, and strengthen one another's efforts." To each soul its own way, but in general men find the road lightened by companionship; and this is equally true, whether we are studying the art of the perfect life or the art of erecting and judging horoscopes!

Let us now, finally, speak of the Saturn signs, Capricorn the tenth sign, and Aquarius the eleventh.

So far as I am concerned these are much more puzzling than Saturn itself—the two most difficult of the signs seem to be ruled by one of the most easily understood planets.

Most astrologers seem to find Aquarius a problem, but not Capricorn—I find them both paradoxical.

Capricorn is usually described as being very true to its ruler, a practical, commonsense, ambitious influence, fond of politics and business, a leader and an organiser, one born for responsibility and rather hard and limited in nature. The only unsaturnian traits that have been ascribed to it—by the older rather than the modern students—are capriciousness and lasciviousness, qualities obviously given to it because of its symbol, the goat.

Of the many Capricorn-rising people known to me I must confess that very few indeed have shown outstanding ability for the practical life, or power or desire to organise or lead.

Neither have any of them been hard of heart or austere. On the contrary they have, almost without exception, been highly emotional people, the love of music being a most prominent characteristic, with idealism pronounced and often a noteworthy inability to take hold of life by the right handle. Some I should really call grown-up children, so far as this world is concerned, quite unusually incapable of finding and sticking to a commonsense place in life, and remarkably unbusinesslike, capriciousness being indeed one of their chief features, so that they are not to be depended upon. Further, so far from being men of limited but strong understanding, many were exceptionally gifted in a purely intellectual sense, but, as I have said, unable, for lack of stability of character, to turn their gifts to much account. I have not found them crafty, deceitful, or "diplomatic" in the bad sense, but I think their propensity to caprice makes them often appear as if they meant to deceive.

I would only add to this description the note that I *have* found Sun in Capricorn truer to the traditional type.

If we take the signs and planets in their order, Sun Aries, Moon Taurus, and so on, allowing Virgo for the planetoids, we shall find that Neptune falls to Capricorn, and I believe there is significance in this arrangement. It explains why the Capricorn goat has sometimes a fish's tail, and it also throws light on many of the traits that have been ascribed above to the natives of the sign.

Incidentally this allocation puts Saturn against Scorpio, and some of the finest specimens of the planet and the sign have had these two rising; they seem to show the noblest aspects of both influences.

In a word, Capricorn does not seem to me altogether like its ruler, so that I must conclude either that I have misjudged the sign or the planet, or else that Saturn is not the real ruler of Capricorn, or else that a ruler need not of necessity be much like its sign, which seems an unlikely solution.

Aquarius to me suggests above all else *detachment*. It is not detached from all else and focussed on itself like Capricorn, but is detached from itself as well, thinking and talking about itself exactly as it might discuss the behaviour of a car or an aeroplane or the habits of a wild animal. It lives in a world of thoughts, and the individual horoscope must be asked whether these are mere phantasies or genuine ideas, and whether the native is a dreamer, or one who puts his theories into practice.

Aquarius, like Capricorn, is a musical sign, but not quite so

invariably, I think, and it is often highly scientific. It has a very remarkable love of wild nature and appreciation of its beauties; in fact it is to nature, rather than to human affairs, that its rather cold emotional part most readily responds.

It has been called the planet of brotherhood. The element of truth in this, I believe, is that it associates readily with all sorts of people, but I believe that this is seldom an association of brotherliness; it is simply due to the fact that Aquarius likes to interchange ideas with all sorts of people, and, in its detached way, cares very little about their race, rank, or wealth; these external matters do not interest or affect him, and so he is democratic in his bearing and has nothing of the snob about him.

He is probably happier than his Capricorn brother, as indeed, positive signs are usually happier and more fortunate than the negatives. Being fixed, he is less capricious than Capricorn, but he is often very eccentric, illogical, and exasperating in his lack of common sense. In his affairs he seems to have a noticeable dearth of the virtues that Saturn should bestow; he is not prudent or circumspect, and will hazard his fortunes in what is not so much a reckless as a careless and indolent spirit. Because, in the natural order of the signs, Scorpio falls on his roth house he is often a soldier, and, perhaps for the same reason, he is often interested in mining and may lose a fortune through enterprises of this kind.

Certainly the airy occupations, such as art, literature, science, and all kinds of teaching, suit him best, and at these he excels; if he makes money, it is usually through some novel invention or brilliant idea, rather than by steady toil.

If Capricorn is really associated with Neptune, the next sign should have affinity with Pluto, and some have contended that this is the case.

The age of science in which we now live, and have done for at least a century, is certainly an age of Aquarius, whether it is *the* Aquarian Age or not. It has been a period when the man of science, whether or not sufficiently remunerated in money, is really the master of the situation, and the shadow of the supreme effort of militant science, the bombing-plane, is cast more and more widely over the earth. H. G. Wells pictures a time when the flying-men dominate the world, and, if this were to come to pass, it would be singularly like what an astrologer might expect from the Aquarian influences that are so strong in the life of humanity to-day.

This very brief notice of the two signs associated with Saturn is really designed to show how much they differ from the planet which is supposed to rule them, the simple, trust-

worthy, old-fashioned Saturn, whose name, so far from being connected in any way with that of Satan, is really in all likelihood derived from a word meaning "to sow," and who was originally a god of agriculture who ruled on earth in the Golden Age before man, in his unfoldment, fell into error and produced sin and confusion, misery and disease.

We live nowadays in a world of extremes. We have men who proclaim that man's highest activity is war, and we have others pledging themselves not to fight in any circumstances whatever; we have anarchists, and we have advocates of the tyrant-state in which there is no liberty at all. Saturn is usually a believer in the virtues of the middle way that avoids excess in any direction, and proceeds quietly along the path of progress. It is well that the extremists cannot altogether destroy man's sense of Saturn, and we are fortunate, in England, to have many persons in and out of authority, who abide by the principles that he embodies. Perhaps we shall come off best in the long run; and even in Heaven the quiet and modest Saturnian may be rewarded with the words: "Thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many."

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## NOTES FROM THE ANCIENTS

### *Changes of Weather*

Respect is to be had to the *Apertio Portarum* or Opening of the Gates, which is when there is a conjunction or aspect of those planets whose houses are opposite, or when the Moon separateth from one planet and applyeth to another whose houses are opposite; for from these you may certainly expect changes of weather, according to (the nature of) the same. COLEY.

### *Eclipses*

Ptolemy tells us that an eclipse of either of the luminaries falling in an angle of the nativity or annual revolution portends much detriment to the native; the same if it happen in the radical place of the Sun or Moon: and Hermes saith there shall be many troubles happen in the world when both the Luminaries shall be eclipsed in one month; and especially in such places where there is a particular signification of them. COLEY.

### *Their Duration and Time of Precipitation*

Note that for so many hours as the Sun is eclipsed, so many years will the effects thereof continue; but if it be a lunar eclipse judge so many months. As to the time when the effects begin to operate, observe at the middle of the eclipse how far the luminary eclipsed

is distant in time from its rising, and how long it continues above the horizon. Reduce this time into minutes and say by the golden rule, if the whole continuance of the luminary above the horizon give one year, what shall the time from the rising to the middle of the eclipse give, and you shall discover the time when the effects begin to operate.

But, with Origanus, I believe they begin at the very day of the Eclipse. COLEY.

### *Of Buying to Profit by Re-Sale*

In buying anything to make advantage or gain by the sale thereof, fortify the Moon especially, for that she hath most power of any of the planets in the ordinary course of the life of man. Fortify also Mercury, who hath also much influence in such matters; also the lord of the 2nd, and (if possible) the lord of the ascendant: let the Moon also be joined to Mercury by body or a benevolent aspect, free from impediment either accidental or essential, as also from the affliction of Mars as much as you can.

But if you cannot fortify Mercury, fortify the Moon, the 11th house and the lord thereof; but yet let Mercury be free from the body or aspect of Mars; and, if you can by any means, let him be in conjunction or good aspect with Venus, or the lord of the 11th, or both. Now be sure you observe these rules well, for by how much the more you fortify Mercury, next to the Moon being so regarded, by so much the more may you be confident of profit. RAMESAY.

### *Of Buying Clothes or Putting on Apparel*

Fortify the ascendant and its lord and the Moon, and let the ascendant and the sign wherein the Lord of the Ascendant is be moveable; and if possible let the Moon be in Aries, except the 7th degree, or in Cancer, except the first six degrees, or in Libra, or in the first 18 degrees of Virgo, or the first 19 degrees of Sagittary, or the twenty-first degrees of Pisces. And by all means avoid fixed signs, except the first 20 degrees of Taurus; but by all means let her not be in Leo or Scorpio, Leo especially. And if possible let the Moon be in sextile or trine of the Sun.

But if in thy election thou canst not observe all this, place the Moon out of Leo, Scorpio and Capricorn, and Via Combusta, and look that she be in no way impeded or beheld of the malevolents. Fortify also the cusp of the 2nd house and its lord and let the Moon be increasing in light. RAMESAY.

### *Of Sowing of Seeds*

Do thou be sure in sowing of seeds (because it is a thing in which speedy gain is expected) that thy ascendant be a moveable sign, and the Lord thereof in a moveable sign, as also the Moon, and the Lords or Dispositors of the Lord of the ascendant and the Moon beholding them out of moveable signs, or, if this may not be, common may be chosen; but fixed by no means.

Place the Moon in an earthy or watery sign of the moveable signs, viz. Cancer or Capricorn; but if she be in Aries let some planet behold her out of some watery sign, especially out of Cancer, lest the herbs dry or wither.

Let the lord of the ascendant be free from misfortune and in good aspect to the ascendant, and let the ascendant also be free from the the configurations of the malevolents. Let the Moon also be free from the Sun's beams and in essential or accidental dignities, increasing in light and motion, for if the Moon be decreasing in light and number and motion and under the sunbeams, the seeds will not come to good. But know that in sowing of peas, the Moon must be decreasing in light and motion, for otherwise they will never leave blooming.

And if the seeds be seeds of trees, or such as engender or produce trees, let the Moon be in Taurus.

RAMESAY.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### ROOSEVELT'S NATIVITY

From RALPH SHIRLEY.

As an erroneous horoscope of President Franklin Roosevelt has obtained wide currency, it may be as well that your readers should be in possession of the original record. This occurs in his father's diary, quoted in a book about his mother by Rita H. Kleeman, and which is entitled *Gracious Lady*.

The entry runs as follows:—

"Monday, Jan. 30, 1882: At a quarter to nine my Sallie had a splendid large baby boy" (p. 125).

It appears that, assuming the birth to be in the evening and not in the morning, the late Mrs. Catherine Thompson sent Mrs. Roosevelt a horoscope of her son with the Virgo ascendant; and she wrote back to say that the time was erroneous, as it should be a.m. and not p.m. It is hardly likely that the entry in the diary would have omitted to state that fact, had the birth been in the evening; but in any case the Virgo ascendant is surely an impossible one from the astrological point of view. The mother's authority, however, may be considered to clinch the matter.

While I am on this subject it may be worth while to enlighten readers on a matter about which there has not unnaturally been much confusion. The present arrangement for standard time was adopted in the U.S.A. in 1882. By this arrangement the U.S.A. is divided into four standard time zones, each of approximately 15° of longitude. All places in each zone use the time counted from the centre of the zone in question. Eastern Standard Time is thus calculated from the 75th meridian of longitude west from Greenwich; Central Time from the 90th; Mountain Time from the 105th; Pacific



Time from the 120th. Obviously "daylight saving time" adds another complication. It was adopted by the U.S.A. during the First World War, but has, I gather, not been used uniformly since. The only thing to be done as regards this point is to make individual inquiries.

President Roosevelt's horoscope should be based on New York local time, as his family was in business there and would doubtless have employed that time, as his birth antedated the 1882 arrangement.

## THE WAR—SOME NUMERICAL CONSIDERATIONS

From A. G. S. NORRIS.

The renewal of my subscription, which I send with pleasure, gives me the opportunity of an addendum to my recent letter.

Through the assistance of a friend I have had confirmed through the London Library that the Prime Minister was born at Blenheim Palace, Oxon. The authority is *The Times* of December 3, 1874.

As some students of astrology appear a little sceptical of names and numbers associated with their subject, may I draw attention to the following points in connection with the war and the British War Chart? They do not claim to be in the least exhaustive.

Three important dates are the following and they all resolve to the digit of 7 of Neptune.

Britain's commencement of war	3. 9.1939 = 394 = 16 = 7
Germany's with Russia ..	22. 6.1941 = 466 = 16 = 7
Japan's war commencement ..	7.12.1941 = 736 = 16 = 7

Neptune (7) in our war chart is in Virgo 22; in the U.S.A. map (1776) Neptune is in Virgo 21 (square Mars Gemini 21); in the U.S.S.R. map (1917) the Sun was in Virgo 22 in the M.C. The 10.12.1870 chart of Germany has Mars in Virgo 22 and their 1933 map has Jupiter in the same position. Neptune in our war chart is in the 11th given generally for allies. This Neptune has been prominent in many events; both through transits and nature. Mercury *rules* this house in our chart and is *in the M.C.* Now look at the following:—

Taking the initials of three of the most powerful allies we have:—

U.K.	=	32	=	5	=	Mercury
U.S.A.	=	311	=	5	=	Mercury
U.S.S.R.	=	3119	=	14	=	5 = Mercury

I make no claim regarding the significance of initials thus used though personal experience indicates they hold some value. The above therefore does not appear to me a "coincidence."

Planetary positions at any moment are the same in every part of the world; the houses relate primarily to "mundane" matters. The essential for examination of the relationship between the former and

the "soul of the matter" is a method of identifying the latter. Our names without the shadow of a doubt provide this and—if I may give an illustration—none who have their soul note thus polarised upon Mars will have any reason to question this statement. Let them examine Mars in relation to their chart and as they know their real selves. The point applies, of course, to all planets but Mars is so much more clear cut.

Nations have souls—but we have yet to discover the key to their identification, though I am sure that it exists. National astrology will have made great advances when we do so, but as man has free-will it will never be possible to predict the particular unless with Ptolemy the worker "is inspired by Deity." Even then it will only be ripe karma that is inevitable.

In essence the outcome of this war resolves itself into a very simple theme. If those against the powers of the anti-Christ maintain unity and quiet determination, the massed forces of evil *must* wilt and slowly dissipate themselves against this bulwark. Those who are with us will be more than those against us; the planetary rays will have a constructive force created by the souls of those allied to the Christ upon which to operate.

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## BOOK REVIEWS

*The Meaning of the Zodiac*, by FRANCIS J. MOTT. Published by A. A. Beauchamp, Boston, U.S.A. For particulars see our advertisement pages.

According to the jacket, the author "has discovered a pattern which he has traced into the atom, the plant, the animal body, the human psyche, and into the social group": we are then asked to "judge of his surprise when he found that this pattern was hidden in the ancient symbology of the Zodiac."

This surprise will hardly be shared by astrologers, who will regret that the author seems to have been disappointed in the astrological books he has read and the astrologers he has met. In particular he is critical of astrological prediction and quotes an experiment carried out on German astrologers by one Otto Bobertag, which resulted (according to Bobertag) in a crushing defeat of the predictors. Those who are always clamouring for a "scientific test" of astrology might well lay this to heart. The truth is that very few astrologers possess the skill to stand up to any such probation. With our present knowledge, at any rate, prediction is only possible in very general terms; but most astrologers seem quite unwilling to accept this limitation, with results such as are apparent in many forecasts about the present war.

It is true, too, that most astrologers understand little of the profundities of their science, and of those who do, few have the gift of

adequately expressing what they understand. "It needs heaven-sent moments for this skill."

Whilst the astrology in this work is elementary, it may well be that Mr. Mott has performed a valuable service in connecting his zodiacal studies with Holism. At all events, he has written a very interesting book.

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